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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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May 31, 2005

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of January 28, 2005 for one month to May 28, 2005.

Please charge the extension fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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